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CITY ELIMINATES ON-SITE SUPERVISION AT SKATE PARKS; ADMISSION NOW FREE AT ALL PARKS

The city's five skate parks will be unsupervised beginning Thursday, Jan. 1.

Staff supervision of the parks was eliminated as one of a series of actions taken by the City Council in October to close the city's \$43 million budget gap. The council's Appropriations Ordinance eliminated the park supervisors as well as park entrance fees, but preserved the maintenance staff.

San Diego follows other local government agencies that do not supervise their parks, among them the cities of Chula Vista, Poway, Santee and Carlsbad.

The city has five skate parks: the Bill and Maxine Wilson Skate Park in Stockton, the Robb Field Skate Park in Ocean Beach, the Rancho Penasquitos Skate Park, the Carmel Valley Skate Park and the Charles L. Lewis III Memorial Skate Park in Paradise Hills.

The city began the construction of its skate parks in the late 1990s and opened its most recent, the Carmel Valley Skate Park, in November. The annual cost of providing supervision during hours of operation is \$282,571.

The city will no longer charge entry fees to skate park users. The parks will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to dusk and the Carmel Valley Skate Park, the only park with lights, will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Skate park rules and policies remain intact:

- All skaters must wear protective gear, including a helmet, shirt, knee and elbow pads.
- Spectators are not permitted inside the park.
- Contests are not permitted.
- Skating equipment must be in good condition and not damage the facility.

- Bikes and other sporting equipment are prohibited.
- Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Food, smoking, alcohol and tobacco are prohibited.
- Profanity and abusive language are prohibited.

Signage has been posted at each park facility notifying visitors of new and existing regulations. Failure to comply with any city rules can result in the loss of park privileges and/or a citation.

City maintenance staff will continue to maintain park structures and landscaping and skate park restrooms will remain open to the public. Skate park users are asked to report safety or maintenance issues to the nearest recreation center:

Robb Field Skate Park	Robb Field Recreation Center: 619-531-1563
Carmel Valley Skate Park	Carmel Valley Recreation Center: 858-552-1614
Charles L. Lewis III Memorial Skate Park	Paradise Hill Recreation Center: 619-527-3419
Rancho Penasquitos Skate Park	Canyon Side Recreation Center: 858-538-8131
Bill and Maxine Wilson Skate Park	Delores Magdaleno Memorial Recreation Center: 619-235-1125

For more information, please contact the city's Park and Recreation Department website, www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation.

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